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TAGS: ILO, PLAB  
SUBJECT: REELECTION OF ILO DG FRANCIS BLANCHARD

1. IN SECRET BALLOT FEBRUARY 28, ILO GOVERNING BODY REAPPOINTED DG FRANCIS BLANCHARD TO A SECOND FIVE-YEAR TERM BEGINNING IN FEBRUARY 1979. VOTE WAS 51-1-1. SESSION WAS CLOSED TO NON-MEMBERS, BUT U.S. OBSERVER DEL INFORMED THAT ONLY USSR SPOKE AGAINST DG'S REELECTION ON PROCEDURAL GROUNDS. USSR CONTENTED THAT GB OFFICERS DID NOT CONSULT PROPERLY WITH MEMBERS IN PROPOSING BLANCHARD'S CANDIDACY, BUT USSR OBJECTION WAS REPORTED TO BE RATHER MILD.
2. MAIN FACTOR IN BLANCHARD'S FAVOR WAS PROBABLY LACK OF SERIOUS OPPOSITION AND FEAR OF ROCKING THE BOAT IN A TIME OF CRISIS. NEVERTHELESS, GENERAL FEELING IS THAT BLANCHARD HAD TO MAKE SOME COMMITMENTS TO G-77 MEMBERS IN ORDER TO BE ASSURED OF THEIR SUPPORT.
3. BLANCHARD STRESSED IMPORTANCE OF BASIC PRINCIPLES, STANDARDS AND PROCEDURES IN ACCEPTANCE SPEECH. IF ILO

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REMAINS FAITHFUL TO THESE NOBLE TRADITIONS, HE SAID, THE ORGANIZATION WILL RECOVER UNIVERSALITY. HE ALSO STRESSED ADAPTATION OF ILO STRUCTURE TO CURRENT REALITIES AND SERVICE PARTICULARLY TO DEVELOPING COUNTRIES.  
VANDEN HEUVEL

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